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Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson Department of Land and Natural Resources Kakuhihewa Building, Room 555 601 Kamokila Boulevard Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707

Attention: Ms. Pua Aiu

State Historic Preservation Division

Dear Ms. Thielen:

Subject: Section 106 Coordination for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit

Corridor Project

The State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division, has been identified as a consulting party in the Section 106 process for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (per our letter to your office dated December 5, 2007 [enclosed]). As part of this process, we are transmitting the enclosed hard copies of the Archaeological Resources and Cultural Resources Technical Reports for the subject project for your review and comment. In addition, enclosed is a CD containing these two reports along with the Historic Resources Technical Report.

The Department of Transportation Services, in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration, is expecting to issue the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the subject project in Fall 2008. In addition to being a Section 106 consulting party, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is a participating agency in the environmental review process for the project.

Project staff is in the process of contacting all Section 106 consulting parties requesting to update agencies and organizations on the Project's status, as well as discuss questions and/or concerns about archaeological, cultural, and/or historic resources.

Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson Page 2 August 25, 2008

Any formal written comments on the three technical reports are requested by <u>September 17, 2008</u>, and should be addressed to:

Mr. Wayne Yoshioka, Director Department of Transportation Services City and County of Honolulu 650 South King Street, 3rd Floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

If you would like project staff to provide an update, please contact Ms. Stephanie Roberts at (808) 768-6143 to schedule a meeting.

Very truly yours,

Wayne Y. Yoshioka

Director

Enclosures:

Archaeological Resources Technical Report Cultural Resources Technical Report CD containing Archaeological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Historic Resources Technical Reports

cc: Ms. Pua Aiu, State Historic Preservation Division

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

- Ms. Blythe Semmer
- Ms. Kelly Yasaitis Fanizzo, Historic Preservation Specialist
- U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service
 - Mr. Frank Hays, Director, Pacific West Region-Honolulu
 - Dr. Elaine Jackson-Retondo, Architectural Historian, Architectural Resources Team

National Trust for Historic Preservation

- Ms. Elizabeth S. Merritt, Deputy General Counsel, Law Department
- Ms. Anthea Hartig, Director
- Mr. Anthony Veerkamp, Senior Program Officer

Historic Hawaii Foundation

- Ms. Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director